Decreasing number of tribals in Andaman and Nicobar

2246. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that population of aboriginals (Tribes) in Andaman and Nicobar has been decreasing during the last five decades and some tribes are extinct now;

(b) the reasons for their decreasing number; and

(c) the action Government are going to take for welfare of aboriginals ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) The population of aboriginals (Tribes) in Andaman and Nicobar has increased from 18102 as per 1971 Census to 22361 as per 1981 Census and further increased 26,770 as per 1991 Census. As per the figures reported by the Registrar General of India (RGI), no tribe is extinct.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Various development and welfare programmes are being implemented by the UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. In addition to this, the Government of India also provides 100% Central Assistance under various schemes/programmes for socio-economic development of aboriginals (tribes).

Loan given by NSTFDC

2247. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the various purposes and the organisations to which the National Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Corporation gives loan;

(b) whether Adivasi Vikas Parishad is also granted loan;

(c) if so, the upper limit fixed for giving loan to Adivasi Vikas Parishad and other organisations;

(d) whether it is a fact that the upper limit of thirty lakhs has now been brought down to ten lakhs; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) provides

finance through the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) and other recognised institutions nominated by the respective State/UT Government for viable income generating Project(s)/Scheme(s) to the Scheduled Tribes having annual family income upto double the poverty line (target group).

(b) NSTFDC has not received any proposal from Adivasi Vikas Parishad.

(c) to (e) The National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) the combined corporation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has adopted upper limit of Rs. 30.00 lakhs as cost of Projects/Schemes per unit/profit centre.

The National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) has been incorporated in April-2001. The Board of Directors of the newly constituted NSTFDC decided to keep the upper limit of Project(s)/ Scheme(s) costing upto Rs. 10.00 lakhs per unit/profit center keeping view (a) the guidelines issued earlier by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to its Apex Corporations (including NSFDC) for keeping, an upper limit of Rs. 5.00 lakhs (b) limits fixed by other corporations such as National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation, the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation at Rs. 5.00 lakhs (c) the target Scheduled Tribe families having annual family income only upto Double the Poverty Line (DPL) Income Limit.

Progress of schemes in tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh

2248. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various programmes/schemes in operation in tribal areas, particularly in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) the progress made under each programme/scheme during the Ninth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) The details of various programmes/schemes in operation throughout the country including Madhya Pradesh is available in the Statement-I. (*See* below)

(b) A Statement showing funds released under various programmes/ schemes in Madhya Pradesh during the Ninth Plan is given in the Statement-II.